

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

June 13, 1910.

Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

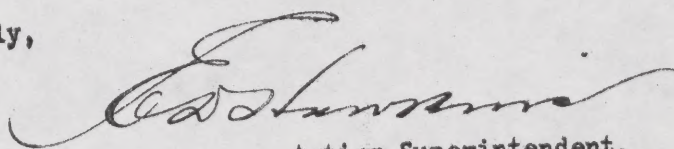
Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant, in relation to obtaining from the Society of California Pioneers permission to make a cast of the fifty-dollar slug now in the possession of this Mint, received.

I took the matter up with the officers of the society, and have just received word that the president and board of directors have decided not to grant the permission desired.

Their representative stated that owing to the rarity of the specimen the society did not wish to have a cast of it in existence.

Respectfully,


Acting Superintendent.

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Amn. Numismatic S.

Request cut \$50 plug

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to A. N. Society

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 14, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Roberts:

I suppose I will have to go to Seattle on about the 1st prox., to appear before the grand jury in the Adams' case, consequently I wish you would provide me with the railroad requisition for transportation and Pullman accomodation. I have written to Mr. Kerfoot to consult with Mr. Frey and see if he can get along without me, and if so, why the requisition will be good later on when it will be necessary for me to go up there to attend the trial.

You will remember that some weeks ago I suggested that a more careful tracing be made of the Parmalee signature on the books of the New York Assay Office, which tracing I should like to have. Possibly that letter went to the Bureau during your absence in Iowa.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach
Supl

FAL/s

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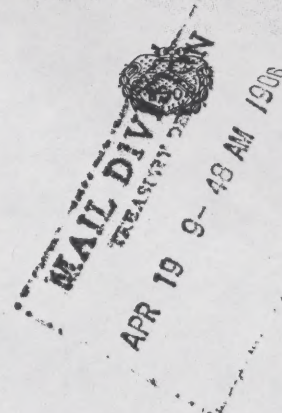
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930am

Oakland Calif April 18, 1906

To

Geo. E. Roberts,
Director Mint
Washn D.C.



San Francisco visited early this morning by terrible earthquake followed by fire which has burned the greater part of business district. Mint building not damaged much by shock but the big stacks were badly shaken and may have to come down but not sure about it now. Every building around the entire mint burned to the ground. It is only building not destroyed for blocks. I reached building before the worst of the fire came, finding a lot our men then stationed them at points of vantage from roof to basement and with our fire apparatus. ^{and kept} A drop from fire department we successfully fought the fire away, although all the windows on mint ave and back side third story were burned out, fire coming in drove us back for a time. Adjusting rooms and refinery damage some, and the heavy stone cornice on that

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side of building melted off. The roof burned some little. Liet. G.R. Armstrong 6th U.S. infantry with squad men was sent to us by commanding officer of department, who rendered efficient aid fire still burning in central and western parts city and what little remains of central business section is threatened. I could not report sooner as I had to wait until I got back to Oakland. I could not get any despatch forwarded from San Francisco.

Leach,
Supt.

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Oakland Cal. April 18 '86
9:30 pm

My Dear Mr. Robert.

I am too tired to write
to send you an extra of the
Disaster.

Our boys made one of the
grandest fights in saving the
Union building. It is the
only building standing in
the path of the fire. I don't
see how it was done. Courage
& determination I guess it
must have been.

The situation in San Francisco
is appalling. The fire is
still burning.

I will try to write more
fully tomorrow. Sincerely,
A. J. Leach

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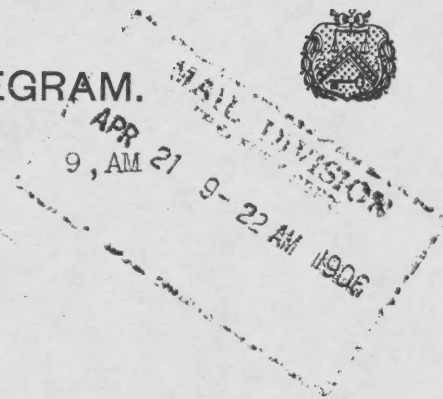
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Oakland Calif April 19, 1906

To George E. Roberts,
Director Mint
Washn D.C.



As feared the balance of the business part of city was destroyed last night the fire is now raging in the western residence district was destroyed yesterday and last night. One whole street is being disinfected access path of fire. The mint building safe one side scaled by heat but interior is intact. It is the only building in path of fire south of market not destroyed except new post office, partially burned. Apprehend no further trouble from fire have to send messages to Oakland to forward.

Leach,
Supt.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

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TELEPHONES: M 4106, M 2114 AND M 1707.

Dated

To

Can Francisco Ferry Cal 19
Geo E Roberts Director Mint Washn DC
Wire Connection established in San Francisco now. You
can wire any instructions fire still raging
in residence district I do not know
of a single business house standing between
van Ness and water front there may be
some small stores on extreme north side
of water front Beach 21st

ALWAYS OPEN.

MONEY TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAPH.

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Received at Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. Building, 1345 Penna. Ave., Washington.

C 655 NY Ht. 6:56 P.M. 60 Collect Gov't.

Oakland, Calif., April 20, 1906

Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of The Mint,
Washington, D C.

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The fire is now reported practically under control. About half residence district saved. In Oakland conditions almost normal makes place of refuge. Have things at Mint in good shape with subsistence for men on duty. We can accommodate the sub-treasurer. Loss of life dont think exceeds four hundred.

Leach, Sup't.

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Dated

To

Oakland Calif 2

Geo E Roberts Director Mint WDC

Thanks all

Appreciate

your

appropriation;

have arrived

safety

Shaw,

at his request

about

destruction

of

Sub-Treasury.

Everything

Quiet

+ good

shape at

Mint our

flag

is flying

= Leach, Supt

ALWAYS OPEN.

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CABLE OFFICE.

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TELEPHONES: M 4106, M 2114 AND M 1707.

Dated San Francisco Calif 22

To Director Mint

Wash DC
We will open for business Monday Receiving deposits and paying out transfer funds. All men of mint force accounted for but four will have to furnish subsistence for employees for some time. Have organized for that purpose getting principal supplies from Army headquarters only buying such things as cannot be

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TELEPHONES: M 4106, M 2114 AND M 1707.

Dated obtained there Will not attempt renewal coinage operations until after settlement Much activity in City preparatory for resumption of business. Last of fire extinguished during night

Frank A Leach Supt

ALWAYS OPEN. MONEY TRANSFERRED BY TELEGRAPH. CABLE OFFICE.

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REPORT OF THE LOSS OF THE MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

April 22, 1906

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The terrible disaster that visited this city spent its force last night. The earthquake was the worst ever experienced in San Francisco. A great deal of property was damaged by the shock and a number of buildings were thrown down, but all the substantial buildings were apparently uninjured, although they were subsequently swept through by fire. The mint building, which was planned immediately following the big earthquake in 1868, was constructed with the view of resisting to the fullest extent any similar visitation. The architects planned well, for the damage done by the shock is trifling, the principal damage being confined to ruining a few chimneys. The two big smoke-stacks were cracked entirely around, a few feet above the roof, but this will be no loss even if subsequent examination should prove they ought to be taken down, for the operations here now do not require tall stacks. However, as far as appearances go, I do not believe they will have to be removed.

Within an hour after the quake flames commenced to show up in numerous places in the business district and in the poorer residence section south of Market Street covering an area of one mile by two miles. I was informed that as many as one hundred alarms were sent in a short space of time. The earthquake had broken the mains and all the water available was what was in the

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pipes. The department succeeded in putting out some of the fires, but they were too numerous, and in a little while the fire was beyond the control of any human agency, and spread in all directions. It burned down to the eastern water-front and was stopped there with the aid of apparatus stationed along the wharves, the wide spaces there helping also to check its progress. Westward the fire took its course, being stubbornly fought by dynamiters and the crippled fire department, but no success followed their efforts for thirty-six hours, when a wide street, Van Ness Avenue, was reached. Here by dynamiting, back-firing and with the aid of the department, the fire was controlled and a large residence section saved. From Van Ness and Market another arm of the fire continued over into the S. W. part of the city, where it was headed off about a mile and a half further out. Over this area a very large residence and manufacturing district was burned out. The entire business part of the city was swept by the flames. I can learn of only ^{two} large business houses which escaped; ^{and the other near the railroad.} one was near the water-front, With the renewal of the wooden parts and windows, several of the modern buildings will be made as good as new. I hear that the stock of goods in one of these large buildings consisting of hardware and machinery was uninjured, although the lower stories were gutted, and that the large office building at the corner of Market and California Streets with its contents was safe.

The post office building had only the north end damaged by fire, and was somewhat damaged by the shock, but not sufficiently severe to interfere with its use. I am informed that the appraisers' building, now occupied as the custom house, was pretty badly scorched, but the interior was not damaged much.

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Our building was the only building ^{directly} in the path of the fire, after it had burned one mile, that withstood the attack. Everything around us was destroyed, and it was only by the heroic conduct of the men that the building was saved. Some two or three years ago it occurred to me that we ought to be equipped with fire apparatus so to be able to put out any blazes that might start in the building, never thinking of its application against an attack from the outside, and it is wholly due to the furnishing of that equipment that the mint was saved. After the earthquake about 50 employees reported at the mint, which includes the watchmen who had been on duty during the last watch. The fire had reached fifth and Mission Streets before I could get to the building, but Mr. ^{Superintendent of Machinery} McLaughlin and Capt. Hawes had proved equal to the emergency and were making a grand fight against the flames. I had to make a wide detour ^{on foot}, going around the north side of the city and working my way through the guards to reach the building. Upon arriving at the mint I found our greatest danger would be when the fire worked around to the north side, so I immediately distributed the men on the various floors from the basement to the roof, and had all inflammable stuff removed to the other side of the building, the shutters closed on the lower stories and lines of hose ready to put out the fires if they should appear in the building. We had considerable lumber upon the roof where we had been making new tanks. The old tanks had been taken down and sawed up into fire wood and had been thrown off into the court, making a rubbish pile there which subsequently was a great menace to the building. Lieut. G. R. Armstrong, 6th Infantry, was here with a detail of soldiers, and his men as well as himself were very active with their assistance.

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When the big buildings to the north of us on Market Street caught they sent terrific showers of burning material over the mint. It came down into the court as thick as hail, in pieces from the size of a walnut to the size of a man's hat, and I had two streams from the basement busily occupied in extinguishing flames started by these flakes of fire. The roof, you can imagine, was a pretty warm place. Mr. McLaughlin, with head melter Kennedy, assisted by Autzen, Terry and some of the soldiers, remained there to the end. After the danger was over they came down, blistered with heat and so blinded with the smoke they could hardly see.

The basement and refinery floors gave us the hardest battle to save. The fire would creep in behind the shutters and between cracks in the basement, giving off a blinding, choking smoke and terrific heat, but the stream of water handled by workmen Cuneo and Fredrichs, aided by J. C. Hansen, baffled the fire in that quarter.

On the refinery and adjusting room floor another lot of heroic fellows, Chittenden, foreman Bierce, Hastings, Hammill, E. Fisher, McCabe, French, Butler, Sherman, Mackie, Leith, assistant assayer Martin, Toner, Currier and Jacobs, headed by Captain Hawes, fought the fire with buckets and two streams of water. With blistered hands and faces they stood their ground, being driven back time and time again. At one time the smoke was so thick and choking they were driven to the extreme south end, or assay part, of the building, but I had some windows on the east side opened which gave them a little fresh air, and back the boys went at it again. Getting another stream of water with a greater head we found that we were able to control the situation, and that the flames could get no foothold upon the mint.

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On the main floor were foremen Healy and Kearney, Aitken, Collins, Lowrie; assistant coiner, Pedlar, Pollock, Sheridan and Tuttle. At other places were Montgomery, Kelly, Benston, C. Baker, watchmen Steere, McKee, Brooks, E. L. Miller, Zeith, and W. H. Williams and Adney. Carpenters Mix and Hope were equally active in giving their aid.

I want to make special reference to the thoughtfulness, capacity and bravery of engineer Brady, who, as soon as he saw that the fire was reaching large proportions, examined the fire pump, and, finding that the earthquake had broken a connection short off, quickly repaired the break and saw that everything was in order. And when the fight was at its height he rendered extra service by patching out and improvising an extra length of hose, which was of great value in fighting the fire in the court.

While the contest was going on at the mint the homes of several of these men were being burned to the ground, but they never called attention to the fact or asked to be relieved until danger to the mint building was over. Moreover, it is a question if the mint had caught fire whether the brave fellows on the inside could have got away in safety or not. Their only retreat would have been down streets, both sides of which were still lined with heated and blazing ruins, but they did not think of that. A great number of other employees did their best to reach the mint building, knowing that their services were needed, but they were driven back by the cordon of soldiers and police who would not listen to their entreaties to gain the mint.

The damage by fire to the building was wholly confined to the flaking off of the sandstone and granite on the north side where the flames rolled against the building and where the

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nearest structures were located, and the burning out of the window sash and casing of all the windows on the north side and many on the rear. The carpet in the adjusting room is the only loss to be recorded on the interior of the building. It was ruined by water and the sparks that came in in sheets through the windows after the glass and sash had been burned away.

I have wired you that I did not think it advisable to attempt the resumption of coinage operations until after settlement, in view of the fact that it will be so near the time when you wish to begin settlement before we could get power to drive the machinery or gas for fuel purposes. In the meantime the spare space in the mint can be utilized by a clearing house and the sub-treasury. Selby's propose to turn over all their deposits to us until they can get fixed up to receive again. I have telegraphed to Denver and to Los Angeles for portable coke cupelling furnaces, which I hope to receive by the middle of the week. Upon the receipt of these I will be able to receive and assay deposits. As there is no gas we cannot run our present assay cupelling furnaces. I would have written you before, and have made the attempt nearly every day, but I could not make any headway owing to the great demand upon my time and presence in various parts of the building. I would suggest to you that you recommend the purchase of additional ground to the north of the mint, so there will be a wider space between the building and the buildings that will be reconstructed on that side of the mint. I would say we ought to have at least 50 feet on the north side and 20 feet on the rear, and then with shutters on the windows and a good fire apparatus inside we would be safe against future fires.

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The only chimneys that were seriously wrenched on the mint building were those surmounting the wall around the court, the foundation of which had been undermined some years ago by a faulty sewer. This was discovered when I was excavating the boiler room for the new ^{two years ago} boilers. Government architect Roberts saw that it was a very serious matter and immediately took steps to reinforce the foundation. The lack of a solid foundation like the rest of the walls was made apparent in the results of the shock to the building the other day. It seems to me that here the architects can find a lesson for the construction of future buildings.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Beach

Superintendent.

*Apr 23rd a.m. No more doing business this morning
The mint presents a lively scene - happy and reassuring*

FAL/s

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

11 WU HG F 154 Collect Govt 9,30 AM

Oakland Calif April 21, 1906

TO Director Mint
Washn D.C.

My men report that all fires have been extinguished except in one or two isolated places near the north water front. There were wild rumors last night of destruction of docks along water front but they have been saved from fire all around city. Water traffic will not be interrupted. Am informed two or three banks will be able to resume business in city early next week. People are in most calm condition and in many cases have commenced clearing away to start business anew. No suffering weather grand. Relief coming along in good shape. Will be necessary to continue this for some little time. We can accommodate at least two banks until we can resume coinage. Best thing department can do for banking interests is to make prompt and free transfer of funds through this institution against money deposited in New York

Frank A. Leach, Supt U.S. Mint

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TO Director Mint
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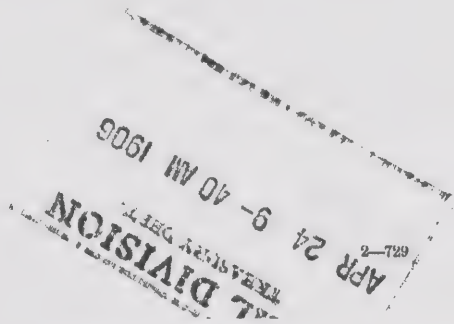
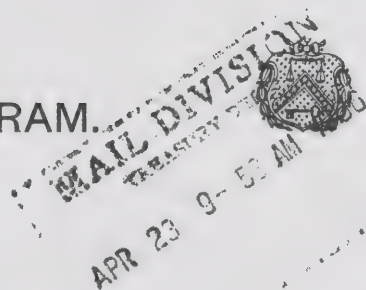
United States signal corps have run wire to mint and established office here putting us in direct connection with you we opened for business today bankers and business today men energetically at work in arranging resumption of business Every man in mint employ has been heard from

Frank A Leach Supt U S Mint

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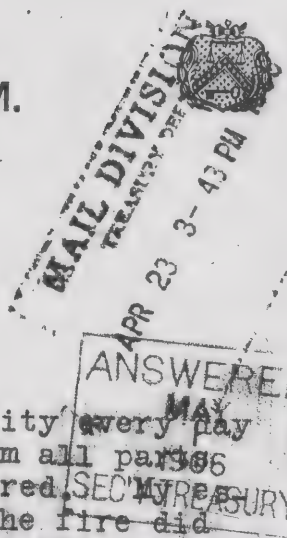
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Oakland Calif., April 21 1906.

To Hon. L. M. Shaw, Secy. Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Stories loss life grossly exaggerated. Have been in city every day from the first have men reporting to me continually from all parts of city and I do not believe the list will reach four hundred. Estimates from statements to me will not reach three. The fire did not travel fast and the authorities took trouble to keep of ahead of flames notifying people of the danger and caring for the helpless. The homeless are being cared for in Oakland and other suburban places. Thousands are camped out in the park and other open country south of city. People are being able to get into the ruins in places especially from Market Street and I am informed that some of the modern buildings like the Spreckles, Crocker, Union Trust, Mutual savings all of which having banking institutions can be fixed so to be able allow banks to resume after some form in a few days. An told Crocker Woodworth and Union Trust hope to open up by Monday will wire later

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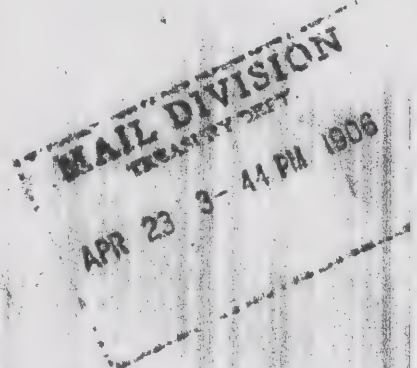
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fire conditions. Can I cash subtreasury checks for War and Navy.

Leach, Supt. U.S.Mint.

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ROBERT C. CLOWAY, President and General Manager.

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April 24 1906

San Francisco Calif. 24

Director Mint

Washington D.C.

Payment of money upon transfer orders was seriously interrupted today by excessive large blasts being set off in vicinity Mint Building blowing down walls. The blasts have apparently done more damage to building than earthquake and fire. I have protested vigorously against this excessive use of powder in this vicinity but still the thing goes on.

Frank A. Leach,

Supt. U. S. Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

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San Francisco Cal Apr 25 1906

To Director Mint
Washn DC.

mint building still being badly shaken by the dynamiters Every
outside window in building blown in Blasting also interferences
with repairs to building have supplied assistant treasurer funds
to cash small amounts drawn on his account We paid out
nealy one million and half transfer orders today or in all
three million two hundred eighty three thousand dollars
The bierce people are all right

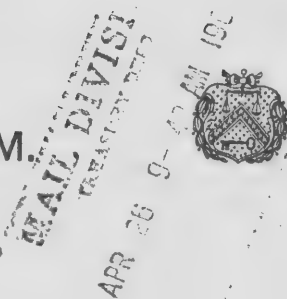
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The Mint of the United States at Carson,
Superintendent's Office.

April 25, 1906

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.,
Sir:--

Owing to the dreadful calamity at San Francisco, I have taken the responsibility of withholding bullion shipments to the Mint in that city until officially advised that it can be received. I have written Mr. Leach asking him to notify me.

Respectfully,



Assayer in Charge

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 26, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 21st inst., in relation to the date of settlement, I would suggest that we fix the 15th of June as the time for commencing. This will enable us to get through by the end of the month, and will avoid the closing down of the institution for any length of time, as it would do if we commenced on June first.

I heartily agree with your idea about receiving deposits during settlement. It has always seemed absurd to me that a big institution like this could not receive deposits right through settlement, and in the past I have done so with the exception of possibly four or five days, but with your authority I will have no interruption in the receipt of deposits hereafter.

Respectfully yours,

Frank A. Leach
Superintendent.

FAL/s

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

9, AM.

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San Francisco Calif., 27 1906.

TO Director Mint, Washington D.C.

Have just completed arrangements with Chairman Phelan of relief committee to handle their funds acting as their banker in compliance with request of President. Department paymaster of army got our quarters in building can accommodate him if no objection. Got our assay department in operation today.

Frank A. Leach, Supt.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, April 27, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Roberts:

We have matters at the mint in very good shape. It is a great blessing to the city that the building was preserved and the great stock of money accessible for relief and business purposes. I hardly know what the people would have done without it. The banks are timid enough as it is, and if access to our funds had been denied them it is hard to say what might have happened. Notwithstanding the scene from all directions of the mint is one of desolation so far as the buildings go, the streets present an unusual sight - teams of every description, people on foot coming and going, crowds of men at work clearing away the debris, fixing gas and water pipes, electric wires and railroad tracks - and everybody seems to wear an expression of determination and confidence in the future. There is no question but that the city will be rebuilt better than it ever was. The condition of the mint and more modern buildings shows that it is possible to build against earthquake and fires.

I have installed Asst. Treasurer Jacobs in the room known as the reception room. I cleared out the numismatic collection and furniture and supplied him with funds and he is now doing business in anticipation of supplies and money from the department. As the banks have no place in which to deposit their funds or open up for business, I suggested that they wire the department for authority to use such rooms, vault and premises in the mint as I could give them. I suggested that each bank leave its funds here and between them organize a force of tellers and bookkeepers to pay out the money in

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such sums as may be needed, they receipting to me for the whole amount of the transfers; in other words, that we install here a bank for all the banking institutions that have large transfer funds. This idea met with hearty approval, and I suppose you will hear from them in the due course of time.

Secretary Metcalf was here this morning, and upon his return will probably tell you what he has seen. I pointed out to him the advantage of purchasing additional space around the building, especially on the north side, and the advisability of having iron shutters all around on the inside of the third story windows. We are in full blast so far as receiving and assaying deposits is concerned, but we cannot resume coinage operations until we receive a supply of gas for fuel purposes. Our electrician, Mr. Marshall, under the supervision of Mr. McLaughlin converted one of our large motors into a generator the day after the fire, so we have had the building supplied now for several days and nights with electric light. After getting the inside of the building equipped with lights, Mr. Marshall constructed lights at several points around the building on the outside, being the only lights in operation in the burned district from the water front to the post office.

The mining department of the State University loaned us a couple of portable cupelling furnaces, pending the arrival of those I ordered from Denver and Los Angeles. They not only loaned the furnaces, but took the trouble to furnish transportation from the University to Oakland.

I am using a large number of the employees for watchmen, keeping a day as well as a night watch, dividing them up into three shifts of eight hours each. The rest of the force of workmen is employed in cleaning up the building and furnishing the help necessary in delivering the funds to the banks and others calling for their transfers.

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As a large number of our employees were burned out , and the guard duty at the mint requiring many to remain here, it has been necessary to supply them with ^{Subsistence} ~~sustenance~~, the greater part of which we have obtained from army headquarters, but I was obliged to purchase some things that the army people were not able to supply. The army folks furnished us with some cots and mattresses, but I had to purchase 30 pair of blankets over in Oakland. I had them sent over in some automobiles that were bringing over some stuff for the city authorities, but only ten pair of the blankets reached the mint, the other twenty pair being given to some soldiers and others who needed them.

I subsequently obtained more for my men
I received a subpoena yesterday summoning me to appear before the Grand Jury at Seattle in the Adams case, but under the circumstances it will be impossible for me to leave. My presence is of more importance here in San Francisco than almost anywhere else at the present time. Moreover, they have enough evidence and facts to warrant an indictment without me, and I wish the Secretary of the Treasury or the Attorney General would telegraph to Mr. Frey the necessity of excusing me from obeying the subpoena so as to save me from contempt of court and the service of a bench warrant. My presence is imperative here until the bank arrangements are completed.

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I enclose you a letter I received from George Adams. It is a curiosity. Kerfoot came down Monday, as he was unable to hear from his people, but he returned Thursday; and, by the way, he took a bride back with him.

Mr. McLaughlin has remained in the building nearly every night since the disaster, and he has been a most efficient aid in the work we had to do here. I know he would appreciate most heartily an acknowledgment of his services from you. The newspapers have mentioned

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nearly all the others who were participants in the battle we had, but in some way or other Mr. McLaughlin's name has been overlooked. He was most resourceful, courageous and untiring.

I have wired you about the blasting for the purpose of throwing down unsafe walls and buildings, and mentioned the additional damage that was done to the building. Mr. Roberts, representing the Supervising Architect, was here and he estimated the damage done by the blasting at \$10,000.00, I suppose for the reason that the additional damage done to the big stacks will now make it necessary for them to be removed. There would have been no necessity of taking them down if it had not been for the injudicious use of dynamite. The mint building suffered less than any of the other buildings that went through the fire in this respect. Mr. Roberts tells me that the additional damage to the post office is fully \$100,000.00, and I am told that a private building in that neighborhood that had escaped damage by the earthquake was badly shattered by the blasts that were set off right directly opposite to it. I have a piece of iron on my desk that was blown into our court yard from a blast that was set off nearly a quarter of a mile away down Market Street, also bolt heads and pieces of brick that landed on or in the building. Of course, the removal of the walls was necessary, but I am assured by mining men and engineers that the use of so much powder was not only wasteful, but unnecessarily added to the danger to lives and property. I have a man here in the mint who removed the large brick foundation of the old engine which was inside the building on the basement floor, and he blasted it out without breaking a window, and he told me that he could remove all the walls the entire length of Market Street with the powder that they used in one blast. The concussions were heavy

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enough to blow the hats off of people standing on the top of Knob Hill, where the new Fairmount Hotel is. I know this to be true for my son was among the group when some of them lost their hats. The Signal Service Corps had a telegraph line in our building for the convenience of the government, but this was torn down by the blasts and they had to abandon the wire.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach
Suplt

FAL/s

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San Francisco Calif Apl 28-06

Geo E Roberts, Director Mint, Washn Dc

Gentlemen connected with our largest insurance companies say the estimated loss in San Francisco is four hundred million dollars, insurance two hundred thirty million. Ex-Mayor Phelan told me he was offered yesterday as much for his lot on Market street as he had been before for both lot and building. Have everything ready to replace windows soon as the terrific blasting is stopped.

Leach, Supt.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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San Francisco Calif May 1, 1906

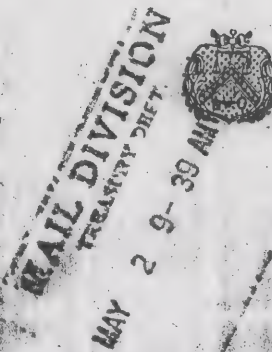
To Director Mint
Washn D.C.

Have room for temporary accommodations Selby company office. it will not only be convenient to mint, but will assist putting in circulation large sums moneys not only recommend but desire to give them quarters. They will not need room more than three or four weeks.

Frank A. Leach,
Supt.

Selig does not wish this done
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

9 WU HG F 35 Collect Govt 9,20 AM

San Francisco Calif May 1, 1906

To Director Mint
Washn D.C.

Please wire representative of treasury this city to be present at opening of silver vault so it can be resealed after removing half dollars necessary.

Frank A. Leach,
Supt. Mint.

Mr. H.

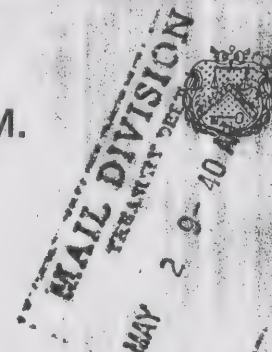
Done by wire - 5-2-06.

Please ask Mr. Jacobs to act.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,May 7th, 1906.

My Dear Mr Robert

Yesterday I received a dispatch from Ray Shaw consenting to Selby having desk room in Criers office. I infered that the Secretary thinks the granting of these privileges is encroaching on the needs of the Sub Treasurer. If so I wish you would discharge his mind for Mr Jacobs now has more ^{room} at his disposal and more cheerful quarters than before the fire, and I can make more room if needed.

In relation to granting the Banking Association temporary quarters, The Committee came to

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consult with me as to how they
could disburse ^{the large sum of transfer} the money to
their customers. The money was
here but there was no place to
take it, they could do nothing
unless they could pay it out
here. They wanted to draw on
me the same as if were a bank
I said that was impossible for had
neither the men or organization for
it. The result of the conference was
the arrangement now running which
for a title is called the "Clearing House
Bank". I gave them that part of the
Mint Cashiers room formerly occupied
by the warrant and computing clerks.
The Sherman gave them ^(the bank) room in his

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Office so Mr Sherman was the only one to be discommoded by the arrangements. I expected the Committee to come back and if after their report to the Association the plan was to be adopted, I intended they should wire the Department for authority for use of the room, but I have not seen the Committee since, but got message Monday that they would start the bank the next day, and we have been in a whirl ever since. I take a good part of my time, about all of Saturdays and days, two clerks and two typewriters and the Cashiers force to handle the receipts and payments of the Treasury transfers of money.

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I trust you will not think I took upon myself the authority to grant the bankers authority to use the Mint premises willfully and I trust my explanation will be satisfactory.

x I think we ought to have an additional appropriation for Watchmen for the ensuing year. The amount now available only gives me one man outside the building at night on each shift or watch. Under the present conditions and these likely to continue there should be six more outside men and two inside - at least eight - all together. I wrote Senator Perkins I was going to suggest an

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{ increase of this allowance \$10,000, but
\$7,200 will do.

I am having the matter of the
cost of additional space around
the building hunting up. There are
so many owners it will take some
time.

The Big platform scales out
in the street on which wagon loads
were weighed were totally destroyed.
They should be replaced as soon
as possible.

I telegraphed you Friday about
the orders coming in upon us for shipment
of Minor Coin and Subsidiary from Ass't
Masters. Does not this properly belong
to Jacobs? He is as well fixed as we

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are, has the men, and is familiar with the procedure. However I don't want it to be understood that we are shirking any accommodation we can give the people at this time, but the men have about all they can jump at. Hardly any of us get away before 5 to 6 pm. And if the work can be properly done by New Jacobs no doubt he would be glad to take their much off our hands. But if not I can organize another cashier who will handle these orders and make change.

We all felt very proud over the exceeding high compliment you gave us, and are glad that we ^{were able to} contribute something to aid the community in the

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times of its distress.

What has been done about
the Special Atty in the Adams
Case? It is getting late in the
day in that matter.

Yours truly

Frank A. Leach

Supl

To Hon Geo. E. Roberts -

Director Mint

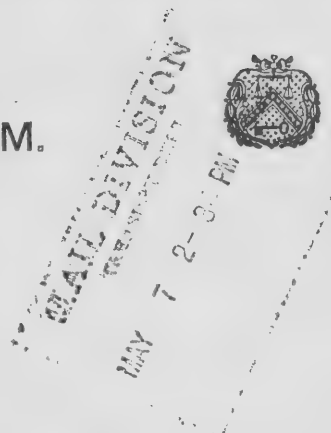
Washington D.C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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San Francisco Cal May 7 1906

To Director Mint
Washington DC.



I find cost widen streets far exceeds my estimates doubt if can
be accomplished less two hundred fifty thousand dollars

Frank A Leach Supt

xxx 2:30PM

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 10, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Roberts:

I enclose a copy of a resolution passed by the Clearing House Association at a recent meeting which explains itself. I suppose the Secretary has been furnished with a copy direct by the officers of the association. I cannot tell you how pleased the bankers and business men are with the way they have been treated by you people in Washington. This resolution was published in the papers of yesterday. I received a very nice letter from Secretary Shaw the other day. I have not yet had time to answer it, but will do so in the near future. Mr. McLaughlin was greatly pleased with your letter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Beach

FAL/s

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COPY of Resolution passed by the San Francisco Clearing
House Association at its meeting held on
May 7th, 1906.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the San Francisco Clearing House Association and of the entire community are due to Honorable Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, for his prompt recognition of the unprecedented conditions in this City, due to the recent conflagration; for his policy thereupon adopted, of affording to the Banks and people of San Francisco the facilities of the Treasury Department, in arranging for the flow of gold to and from San Francisco by means of telegraphic transfers through the Treasury; and for his placing at the disposal of the San Francisco Banks, office room and vaults at the United States Mint, at San Francisco, thus enabling them to serve the public in its hour of need during which the Bank vaults cannot be safely opened.

To Hon. F. A. Leach

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 12, 1906.

My Dear Mr Roberts

I send herewith another photo, which should have gone in the lot I sent you the other day. This is a view of a westerly portion of the roof of the Mint over the Refinery. The portion where burned through was not covered with copper but was laid with asphaltum and fine gravel. It was originally covered with copper but some years ago it was destroyed by acid fumes from the refinery. Quite a section of the roof shown in the foreground of the photo will have to be replaced as it is burned out underneath. The great mass of red hot rubbers that banked up on the roof there against

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the low brick wall shown in the view
equited the wood work supporting the
roffing or copper. There were several
places where the embers banked up,
but did not do so much damage,
our hose streams being more effective.
These burning cinders came in a perfect
shower for a long time and the men
on the roof had to crouch behind
the tanks and chimneys, fight the
fire off one another, off the hose as
well as the roof. By Asso Press reports
of Secretary Mitcalfe's report to the President
I see that he says that Thomas the fire
proof character of the Mint Building that
saved the building. I think if he had
been on that roof ten seconds during

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the heat of the fire, or on the floor below where the flames of the burning buildings across Mint Ave came in through the burned out windows seizing on the furnishings and fixtures, or in the basement where the stifling smoke from the great piles of burning bedding and furniture which had been placed along the building there early in the fire for safety, he would have been willing to think, that these brave fellows who stood up to the fight while their faces and clothes were scorched, had contributed something towards prevented the building being added to the list of "fire proof" shells now landmarks in the field swept by the fire. If he was correctly reported,

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which I doubt, I am sure he did not intend to detract ^{anything} from the credit belonging to the men, but was using the escape of the building to illustrate a point he was making about construction of the new city. and in that he was right. if the building had been less "fire proof" nothing that could have been done here would have saved it.

We are all pretty busy still. State's machine is thumping from morning until night, and that is why I have written this instead of dictating the writing between times.

I think we will get rid of the bank in a week or ten days. The Relief fund business promises to be

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greatest business we have in the building. The details are growing daily, but I guess when the banks getting started that can be turned over to them. Jacobs and the Sub Treasury business are now down in their grooves and things are running most pleasantly. He will have to run our restaurant for the balance of the month but that is self supporting and is well managed by Foreman Kearney of the press room with his corps of cooks, waiters from other departments. We are getting the most needed ministers rapidly replaced, and the building is comfortable again. With kind regards
Yours truly, *Frank A. Leach*
I suppose you have heard that Adams was indicted

AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
MINT SERVICE.

May 17, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to advise the receipt of Spanish Filipino silver to
the value of 40,000 Pesos on the 16th inst., from Manila.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach
Superintendent.

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
OFFICE OF THE COINER,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *May 28*, 1906.

Hon Geo. S. Roberts
Director Mint
Washington D.C.

Sir

In view of approaching
time for settlement and the re-
establishment of the office of the
Asst Treasurer this City, I would
respectfully ask that all further
transfer of coins for Banks and
individuals be made through
the Sub Treasurer here and not through
this institution.

Respectfully,
Frank A. X. X. X.
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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 28, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Roberts:

Yours of the 21st inst., enclosing copy of my telegram of April 18th, received. In reading it over I see that the telegraph company made quite a blunder in the transmission of my dispatch, It should have ^{read,} we fought the fire "with our own fire apparatus and without any help from the fire department." I see that when it reached you the telegram made it appear that we had the assistance of the fire department. It was a physical impossibility for any assistance to have been rendered us from the outside of the building, even if it had been available.

Yours truly,



Superintendent.

FAL/s

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDING OFFICE

May 29, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We have an accumulation of leady and extra base bars which we have been unable to work off in our usual refinery operations. They are about 43 in number, containing 326.95 ounces gold and 12,630. ounces silver, the gross weight being about 33,487. ounces. I asked the Selby Smelting & Lead Company if they would take the bars and return us the precious metals, retaining for themselves the base as compensation for the parting. They said that upon looking over the matter that the refining charges would amount to about \$125.00, and that the base contents would only amount to about \$40.00, which would make it necessary for us to pay some \$70.00 or over cash. Mr. Underhill, the president of the company said, however, that in view of the many favors received from your department that they would be pleased to take the bars and return us the precious metals without charge or further compensation than might come to them from the base metal.

Upon receipt of your authority to turn these bars over to the company I will notify Mr. Gorham to make the delivery.

Respectfully yours,

Frank A. Leach
Superintendent.

FAL/s

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE June 5, 1906.

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Mr. Roberts of the Supervising Architect's office has secured plans showing the details of the construction of the big smoke stacks built for this mint, and a study of these plans has caused him to modify his conclusions as to what will be necessary to preserve them. We find that the stacks are reinforced for their entire lengths with iron columns thoroughly braced, and he has decided that it will be unnecessary to take them down, but that they can be repaired. It may be thought best to reduce the height to fifteen or twenty feet. The tops of the stacks are surmounted with cast iron panels and cornices, which have been more or less disintegrated by the acid fumes, and it is feared there is danger of their being shaken off or falling off while the men are at work below.


I got rid of the relief fund yesterday, having been winding up my connection with that business for the past two or three days. There was no longer any necessity of my handling these moneys after the banks resumed business, and the possibility of the near trial of Adams gave me a reason for requesting the committee to relieve me of the funds. For a time it involved almost as much work as the transfer of the moneys from the east to the banks, corporations and individuals here. The Selby people got their place on Montgomery Street fixed up so that

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they moved from here on Saturday, and with the exception of having the Sub-treasury here we have about regained our normal condition. We cannot resume coinage operations yet for the reason that the power company has not been able to supply the electric current, although they have been promising it to us daily for three or four weeks past. In this connection I would say that it would be a good idea for us to install a medium sized generating plant which we could bring into use whenever we were cut out of power. Such a plant would not cost to exceed \$5,000.00, and possibly not more than \$4,000.00

Unless Congress provides some money with which to fix up a temporary home for the sub-treasury on its old site, we are likely to have this institution with us for several years, which is a very unpleasant thing to contemplate. Mr. Gorham is now crowded out of his office, and the receiving clerk has had to give up all his vaults for the use of the sub-treasury, and the institution crowds us in minor ways. I understand that Congress has been asked to appropriate \$30,000.00 to rehabilitate the remnants of the old sub-treasury building. I think myself this is a pretty large sum to be expended for a temporary building, but still as it would have to be used for the transaction of business for at least four years it ought to be made strong and habitable.

Yours truly,


Superintendent.

FAL/s

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MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SAN FRANCISCO,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

June 6, 1906.

Hon. Geo. F. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please have made for us a block tin coil of the same size and dimensions described on the enclosed plan for the use of our assay department. Of course, you understand that we will make the wood work, and only want the still part. Please return the plan upon ordering the still.

Respectfully ,



Superintendent.

FAL/s

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT CARSON, NEV.,

OFFICE OF ASSAYER IN CHARGE.

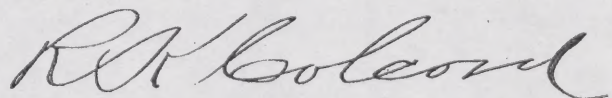
June 15 1906

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:—

Referring to your telegram of this date (viz., the discontinuing of bullion shipments to the San Francisco Mint until otherwise ordered), I have to say that I have made no shipments of bullion since the 14th of May, on which date I received a telegram from you directing me to suspend shipments for the present as the appropriation for transportation was exhausted. We now have on hand in bars over \$100,000.

Respectfully,



Assayer in Charge